

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 00-011 (2876.CS.US.P))

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 14, 2006

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Mailed December 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Also enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (two-month), along with the requisite fees.

(Amendments) to the claims are reflected in the Amendments to the Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

(Remarks) begin on page 9 of this paper.